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Dear Interested Publics:

I am asking for your comments to identify any extraordinary circumstances, issues, and concerns that I should consider about the following proposed action to address overstocked conditions in widely-scattered forest stands. This proposed action would address overstocked conditions in specific stands associated with Compartments 44 (Stand 8), Compartment 61 (Stands 45, 46, 49) and Compartment 271 (Stands 7, 26, 84) while producing a source of forest products on the Doniphan/Eleven Point Ranger District. This would enhance the growth of these pine stands by increasing growing space and decreasing competition for available resources (water and nutrients). Areas included in this proposed action are all National Forest land currently being managed as commercial pine stands. The proposed compartment/stands are as follows per location and size:

- Compartment 44/Stand 8 is approximately 34 acres and is located at T23N, R1E, in Section 9.
- Compartment 61/Stands 45, 46, and 49 is approximately 56 acres and is located at T23N, R1W, in Section 12.
- Compartment 271/Stands 7, 26, 84 is approximately 36 acres and is located in T26N, R5W in Sections 12, 14, and 23.

I would like to hear your specific comments and suggestions concerning this proposal that involves National Forest lands only. You may send a letter to me at: District Ranger, Doniphan/Eleven Point Ranger District, 1104 Walnut Street, Doniphan, MO 63935, or you may FAX your comments to me at 573-996-7745 or you may E-mail your comments to: mailroom_r9_mark_twain@fs.fed.us. The subject line should read: NEPA Doniphan. You may also call Tom Oldham or Don Fish at 573-996-2153. Your comments will be used to determine the existence and /or extent of impacts to extraordinary circumstances, issues, and concerns, and/or alternatives to the proposed action. Please have your comments in by close of business January 16, 2004.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry Bird

JERRY BIRD
District Ranger
Enclosures (maps)



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